

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Department of Commerce

Rule No. : Chapters Comm 2, 5, 18, 20, 21, 61 and 62

Relating to Conveyance Systems

1. Description of the objective of the rule.

The objectives of this rule project, to be incorporated into one or more rule packages, are to implement the mandates of 2005 Wisconsin Act 456 which increases the Department's regulatory oversight with respect to the installation, maintenance, inspection and testing of conveyance systems, such as elevators, escalators and platform lifts.

2. Description of existing policies relevant to the rule and of new policies proposed to be included in the rule and an analysis of policy alternatives.

Existing policies

The Department currently administers and enforces minimum standards for the design, installation and maintenance of conveyance systems such as elevators, escalators and lifts, in public buildings and places of employment under chapter Comm 18, Elevators, Escalators and Lift Devices. This code adopts and references the 2000 edition of the ASME A17.1, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, and the 2001 edition of the ASME A18.1a, Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts. Under the code, the Department utilizes a number of compliance strategies, including the review of plans for the installation of new elevators and escalators, acceptance inspection of new conveyance systems, periodic inspection of existing conveyance systems and the issuance of permits to operate.

New policies

The rule project will reflect the new statutory mandates to:

- Establish a licensing program for elevator contractors and mechanics.
 - Requiring that a person engaged in the business of constructing, installing, altering, servicing or maintaining conveyances must be licensed.
 - Requiring that a person erecting, constructing, altering, replacing, maintaining, repairing, removing or dismantling must be licensed or under the supervision of a licensed individual.
- Expand the operating permit program to include elevators and lifts within individual residences.
- Expand the plan review and inspection program to include elevators and lifts with individual residences.
- Establish that the department standards for the design, installation and maintenance of conveyance systems are uniform with respect to application.
- Incorporate and reference the latest national standards for the design, installation and maintenance of conveyance systems, including standards for residential conveyance systems.

3. Statutory authority for the rule.

Chapter 101, Subchapter VII as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 456

4. Estimate of the amount of time that state employees will spend to develop the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule.

The department estimates that it will take approximately 700 hours to develop this rule. The time includes reviewing the current codes and related national standards, working with the statutory advisory council, then drafting the rules and processing the rules through public hearings, legislative review and adoption. The department will assign existing staff to perform the review and develop the rule changes. There are no other resources necessary to develop the rule.

5. Description of all of the entities that will be affected by the rule.

The rule will affect any entity that is involved in the design, installation, alteration and maintenance of conveyance systems, elevators, escalators and lifts. The rule will also affect owners of buildings with new and existing conveyance systems, elevators, escalators and lifts.

6. Summary and preliminary comparison of any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the rule.

An internet-based search of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) did not find any federal regulations relating to the activities to be regulated under the rule.

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